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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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Haiti Earthquake Net Frequencies -
All radio amateurs are requested to keep 14300, 14265, 7265, 7045, 3977 and 3720 kHz clear for possible emergency traffic related to the major earthquake in Haiti. Additional frequencies may be activated on different bands at different times of day.

13/01/2010: Following on from his September 2009 Pacific trip, Don G3BJ will be QRV from Christmas Island (OC-024), Eastern Kiribati, as T32BJ from 13-19 January. Focus on Europe, holiday-style operating. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [dx-hamspirit.com]

14/01/2010: Art, ZS6BQI will be active from Maseru, Lesotho 14-18 January as 7P8BA. Activity will be on 40-10 metres, mainly on the CW and Digital modes. QSL via ZS6BQI direct (QRZ.com). [AT International]

15/01/2010: Peter, HA3AUI will once again be active from Cabrousse (near Cap Skiring), Senegal, as 6W2SC and from Cab Roxo, Guinea-Bissau, as J5UAP between 15 January and 31 March. QRV 160-10m, mainly digital, other modes on request, using K3, 500W, 5Band Spiderbeam, Verticals. QSL direct or bureau via HA3AUI. For all info, including QSL and OnLine Log, please visit: cqafrica.net/ [NG3K]

15/01/2010: Wade, AA8LL will be active from Key Largo (IOTA NA-062, USi FL049S, Monroe County), Florida, between 15-19 January. Holiday style operating will be mostly CW and RTTY on 80 to 15 metres (IOTA frequencies) with 200W and wires. QSL direct or bureau to AA8LL. Logs will also go to LoTW and eQSL. [K1XN]

15/01/2010: Joey, W5BAK will be heading to Big Bend National Park, Texas, and grid reference DL88 for the ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes (16-18 January). He will be QRV January 15-20th using the callsign NA5RC, which belongs to the Baytown Red Cross Amatuer Radio Communications Club. He will be rover from several of the other area grids too but DL88 is the goal. QSL via W5BAK. [NG3K]

15/01/2010: Look for Valeriy, VE3LFW to be active from the island of Antigua (IOTA NA-100, WLOTA LH-1118) between 15 January and the middle of February, using the callsign V26VP. Expect him to be QRV all bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [AT International]

16/01/2010: On 16th and 17th of January a special operation will be conducted by a newly formed group of DX enthusiasts called "The North Borneo Worldwide DXers". This group is composed of hams from East Malaysia, West Malaysia, and Brunei. The group will be putting on the first ever operation from the Crocker Range Mountains. The mountain range separates the east coast and west coast of Sabah, island of Borneo (IOTA OC-088, WLOTA LH-0119). The altitude of the operation is near 6000 feet and temperatures are expected to be quite cold. The multinational

group will use the call 9M4STA for all contacts. Operation is expected to be multiband and multimode. Buzz, NI5DX, will serve as QSL manager for the operation and QSL requests should be sent direct to his address. [K1XN]

16/01/2010: A group of Finnish DXers will put Ribeira Grande, Sao Miguel Island (DIP AZ-002, WLOTA LH-2016), Azores (IOTA EU-003), on 160m and above with new vertical and beverage antennas starting January 16th. The activity will include CQWW 160M CW (22-24 January), ARRL DX CW (20-21 February) and ARRL DX SSB (6-7 March) contests, using the callsign CR2X. Group members are: Ilmo OH2BO, Pertti OH2PM, Ville OH2MM, Martti OH2BH (CU2KG) and Juha OH8NC (CU2KH). There will also be some activity before and after the contests. Additionally, Jose CU2CE and Frank CU2DX and others are due to take part in CQWW WPX SSB contest (27-28 March). QSL CR2X/CU2KG via OH2BH, CU2KH via OH8NC. [OH2BN]

16/01/2010: Gerd, DL5AWI will be active 16-17 January, in the WCA-HBD (World Castles Award - Happy BirthDay), from Castle Neuscharffenberg (WCA: DL-01478, COTA-DL THB-186). QRV on all bands. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DL5AWI]

16/01/2010: Karel OK1TIR, will be active 16-17 January, in the WCA-HBD (World Castles Award - Happy BirthDay), from Pribram Castle (WCA OK-1069, CCA ST-298) as OK1TIR/p. (Pribram Castle www.travel.cz/guide/108/gallery.html). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

16/01/2010: Dmitry RX1CQ, will be active 16-17 January in the WCA-HBD, from Fort Karelsky (WCA: UA-0256, COTA-RU U-102, RDA LO-23), Mednoe Lake (RLA LO-016). QRV on all bands as Dmitry, work as RX1CQ/p. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

16/01/2010: Operators of the RZ1CWC team will be active on 16 January in the WCA-HBD (World Castles Award - Happy BirthDay), from Fort Krasnaya Gorka (WCA: UA-0203, COTA-RU: F-109). QRV on 20 and 40 metre, CW and SSB, as RZ1CWC/p. QSL via RN1CW direct or bureau. For further information please visit the WCA site, at: www.wcagroup.org/ [RN1CW]

16/01/2010: Look for Jim, G6PAA (RAFARS #1713) to be active from New Zealand as ZL/G6PAA from 16 January to 1 March. He will probably visit both the North Island (OC-036, WLOTA LH-0069) and South Island (OC-134, WLOTA LH-0342). QRV on 80-10m, using RTTY/CW/PSK/Phone with 100w to a dipole. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

18/01/2010: Wulf DL1AWI, Peter DL3APO and Mat DL5XU will be active as FO/homecall from Raivavae Island (OC-114, DIFO FO-122, WLOTA L-2581), Austral Islands, between 18 January and 5 February. Focus will be the lower bands 160-30m, with some work on the higher bands in SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. They will have an online log (via SAT-Phone) and some news/pics at: www.df3cb.com/logsearch/cgcg/logsearch.php and/or dl9awi.de/fo.htm [DL3APO]

19/01/2010: Toshi, JA8BMK, will be active as CE0Z/JA8BMK between 19 January and 2 February from Isla Robinson Crusoe (SA-005, DICE ICE-004, WLOTA LH-0153), Juan Fernandez. Marco, CE6TBN, will be joining him, but for only 5 days (dates were not provided). Activity will be on 160-10 metres, with a focus on the lower bands, and they are expected to be using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will use an amp, and antennas

will be a yagi and vertical. QSL direct to JA8BMK at: Toshi Fukuta, 2115-3 Nobori, Yoichi, Hokkaido 046-0002 Japan. [OPDX Bulletin]

20/01/2010: Masa, JD1BMM will be active from Minami Torishima [Marcus Island] (OC-073) from 20 January until mid-February, for what it is likely to be "the last chance to make a QSO with JD1/M" for some time. The Japanese Coast Guard radio station on the island closed down on 1 December, and the amateur radio club will close in February. QSL via the information on QRZ.com. [425 DX News]

21/01/2010: Nick, G3RWF will once again be active as 5X1NH between 21 January and 21 March. Activity will be on the HF bands. Nick prefers CW and likes the Digital modes (PSK and RTTY), but may work SSB whenever signals are good enough. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

21/01/2010: Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from Honiara, Guadalcanal Island (IOTA OC-047, WLOTA LH-0086), Solomon Islands for three months. Expected arrival and departure dates are 21 January and 20 April. On 6-19 February he will be going to the Reef Islands (OC-065), Temotu Province along with Siegfried DK9FN (H40FN) and Hans-Peter DG1FK (H40FK), and operate as H40MS. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

21/01/2010: Michael, G7VJR (VP8DMN) and Martin, G3ZAY (VP8DFK) will be operational on the low bands from Darwin, East Falkland Island (IOTA SA-002, WLOTA LH-1479) between 21-29 January. QSL via G7VJR, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. An online log search will be available at: www.clublog.org/expeditions/VP8DMN [dx-hamspirit.com]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

29/01/2010: Jim, W7EJ will once again be active from Casablanca, Morocco, as CN2R for the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (29-31 January) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [NG3K]

29/01/2010: Lars, DF1LON will be active from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, as LX7I during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (29-31 January) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LX2A (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

20/02/2010: Jim, T6AF will be active from Kabul, Afghanistan, for the ARRL DX CW Contest (20-21 February) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or eQSL. [NG3K]

09/06/2010: PW8J - IOTA DXpedition - Len??is Island SA-041. The IOTA SA-041 Group is currently the 2nd most wanted IOTA groups in South America, and the first top in Brazil. It consists of 23 islands, one of these islands is called "Ilha dos Len??is" and it is the location for this DXpedition. This DXpedition will take place from 9-15 June. It will be carried out by a group of 4 experienced DX operators who will be on the air around the clock. This will give the worldwide IOTA community the opportunity to confirm this rare IOTA group. Operators will be Ciro PY7ZY (Team Leader), Fred PY2XB, Jim PY7XC and Andr? PY0FF. Len??is Island will be activated for the first time. Likewise, a new DIB and a new Grid Square will be activated (GI78nq). After returning from SA-041, the group will activate S?o Luis Island (SA-016, DIB 07, DFB MA-07, WLOTA LH-0299), from 16-18 June. The call will be PW8L. They are not sure if they will have internet connection during the operation from

SA-041. If it is not possible to have a log on line in real time, the QSOs will be avaiable as soon as possible during the return to the continent. QSL via: P.O. Box 152, 58010-970 - Joao Pessoa - PB, BRAZIL. Full info can be found at: www.pw8j.com/ [PS7AB]

18/06/2010: Tom, PF4T will be QRV as 8Q7TB from Embudu Island, North Male Atoll (WLOTA LH-3911), Maldive Islands (IOTA AS-013), from 5-25 June. He will be active on 40 and 20m using SSB, RTTY / BPSK31 and will also try 10, 15, 17m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Full details at: 8q7tb.pf4t.nl/ [dx-hamspirit.com]

27/11/2010: Stan, EI6DX will be active from Somone, Senegal, as 6W/EI6DX during the CQWW DX CW Contest (27-28 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via RX3RC, direct or bureau. Updates can be found at: www.ei6dx.com/ [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

Special EPC club station PA30EPC will be active on all bands PSK from South Haolland from 2nd to 30th January 2010. QSL via operators' instructions. [MM0DFV]

YR5EPC (EPC # 9000) is another new EPC special event station (SES) from Transylvania, Romania. It will be active PSK on all bands from 4th January untill 31st December 2010. QSL manager and station's trustee is Ioan Muntean, YO6AJI. Station's location is Floresti, a commune in Cluj County (EU Area RO15). YR5EPC is the 37th EPC official club station. This is another chance to get more points for the ECSA award series. Copy of the licence can be seen at the EPC Club Stations section on our website. QSL via YO6AJI, direct or bureau. [MM0DFV]

14/01/2010: Special event station HA2010S is currently active until 31 December for the 30th LEN European championship to be held in Budapest, Hungary, in 4-15 August 2010. (Swimming, Diving, Synchronised Swimming and Open Water Swimming Championships). The operator and QSL manager is HA1CW, Gyuri. [HA0HW]

15/01/2010: The European Capital of Culture is a city designated by the European Union for a period of one calendar year during which it is given a chance to showcase its cultural life and cultural development. Instanbul is one of the three cities designated for 2010, and the TC Special Wireless Activity Team will conduct a year long celebration by using thirteen TC2010 prefixed special callsigns from several different locations. The first activities will be on 15-18 January by TC2010CCE from European Istanbul, various QTHs, throughout the year; TC2010CCA from Asian Istanbul, various QTHs, throughout the year; and TC2010CCI Islands of Istanbul, various QTHs, throughout the year. The following is a list of other event stations which will air at various times during 2010: TC2010PSG Pilot Sabiha Gokcen SG Airport, 20-21-22 March; TC2010RKM Rahmi Koc Museum, 4-6 June; TC2010DHO Cabotage Day, Naval Academy, 1-4 July; TC2010VS Volvo Youth Sailing World Championship, 8-11 July; TC2010IIM Istanbul Islands Museum, Princess Islands, 30-31 July; TC2010LT Leander's Tower, 14-15 August; TC2010RH Rumeli Hisari, 17-19 September; TC2010AH Anadolu Hisari 17-19 September; TC2010IDO Istanbul Ferries, 24 -26 September; and TC2010GT Galata Tower, 10-12 December. QSL all stations via TA1HZ, direct or bureau. Detailed information on the event, activation calendar and the relevant award can be found at: www.ta0u.com/ [425 DX News & TCSWAT]

17/01/2010: Look for the special callsign 8J3EQ to be used between 17 January and 16 July to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Hanshin-Awaji great earthquake disaster (on 17 January 1995), and the 50th anniversary of the JARL Kobe Club, Kobe, Kansai region, Hyogo prefecture, Honshu island (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA LH-2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

22/01/2010: Look for the special callsign ST26ASC to be used between 22-28 January. This activity coincides with the 26th Arab Scouts Conference from Khartoum, Sudan. No other details were provided. QSL Manager will be ST2M. [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/01-15/02 V26VP: Antigua Island LH-1118 QSL VE3LFW (d/b)
16/01-17/01 9M4STA: Borneo Island LH-0119 QSL NI5DX (d)
16/01-31/03 CU2KG: Ilha de Sao Miguel LH-2016 QSL OH2BH (d/b)
16/01-31/03 CU2KH: Ilha de Sao Miguel LH-2016 QSL OH8NC (d/b)
16/01-01/03 ZL/G6PAA: New Zealand (North Island) LH-0069 QSL HC (d/b)
16/01-01/03 ZL/G6PAA: New Zealand (South Island) LH-0342 QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-16/07 8J3EQ: Honshu LH-2376 QSL JARL Buro
18/01-05/02 FO/DL1AWI: Raivavae Island LH-2581 QSL HC (d/b)
18/01-05/02 FO/DL3APO: Raivavae Island LH-2581 QSL HC (d/b)
18/01-05/02 FO/DL5XU: Raivavae Island LH-2581 QSL HC (d/b)
19/01-02/02 CE0Z/JA8BMK: Isla Robinson Crusoe LH-0153 QSL HC (d)
21/01-20/04 H44MS: Guadalcanal Island LH-0086 QSL DL2GAC (d/b)
21/01-29/01 VP8DMN: Falkland Island LH-1479 QSL G7VJR (d/b)
22/01-24/01 CR2X: Ilha de Sao Miguel LH-2016 QSL OH2BH (d/b)

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SIX METERS & UP -

During the good period at the end of February, watch for KH9/WA2YUN to come on the air with a K3 with external preamp for 0.5db noise figure, new LMR400 feedline with 1.2db loss and an optimized 5 ele. yagi with 10 dBD gain and a clear view of ocean in all directions! During the last week of March, HB9QQ is going to be active as with 500w and a 7 element looking out over the ocean! At the beginning of April, we are looking forward to the C91GN (license finally in hand now) Dxpedition by ZS5Y with 600w and a 6M8GJ yagi!
As if those exciting new stations were not enough, VP8DMH in FC52wk is expected on the air next spring with an ACOM 1000 and a 6M8GJ yagi to provide the first activation of Antarctica on 6m EME!
SOURCE: Excerp from Magic Band EME Reflector by Lance, W7GJ

15/01-20/01 NA5RC /R: Grid:DL88 + others QSL W5BAK (d/b)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 10 January 2010)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

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US COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

K2HVN - Bill - 2* - Sat. Jan 16 to Tues. Jan 19 - SSB and CW
Will have 40cw/ssb, 30 and 20cw/ssb. Depending on condx, may spend most of my time on 40.
16 January - DE: Kent; MD: Queen Annes, Anne Arundel, Prince Georges and Montgomery; VA: Loudoun.
19 January - VA: Loudoun; MD: Frederick; PA: Adams, York, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike; NJ: Sussex; NY: Orange, Dutchess and Putnam; CT: Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex and Hartford; VT: Windham, Windsor and Orange; If time NH: Cheshire and Sullivan. MOST will be on the fly, so may NOT run all counties. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs received Bureau - D68BT, ER4DX, RA9LL, S50O and SX7A.

QSLs received Direct - 3D20CR (DJ8NK), 4S7EA (QRZ.com), 4U1ITU (QRZ.com), 5K0T (HA7RY), 9G5XX [AF-084] (I2YSB), AI5P/VK9N (hc), BA4TB (QRZ.com), C4I (LZ2HM), C91LW (UY5LW), EP3BN (JH1NBN), FK/AI5P (hc), FR5ZL (QRZ.com), FS/W6IZT (N7XG), FT5GA (F5OGL), H44MY [OC-127] (OM2SA), HC8GR (W5UE), HI3A (ON4IQ), IO5O (IK5RLP), JK2VOC/BA4TB (JK2VOC), KH8/N9YU (YT1AD), KL7RA (QRZ.com), KL7RRC/P [NA-233] (N7RO), ON5CD (QRZ.com), P29NI [OC-205] (G3KHZ), P29VCX (SM6CVX), P29VLR (SM6CVX), T77C (QRZ.com), TF4M (QRZ.com) TX5SPA (SP9PT), V73NF (JA2DSQ), V88/SM3TLG (hc), VK9GMW (HA7RY), YJ0PX (AI5P), YN2GY (K9GY), ZL/AI5P (hc) and ZY0T (OQRS).

QSLs received LoTW - 3D20CR, 4U64UN, K5D, VK9XW and VK9XX.

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SILENT KEYS -

Michael "Mike" R. Greenfield, N9JIY, peacefully passed on the morning of 10 January 2010 after his 3 month fight against cancer. A CW enthusiast and member of NAQCC and FISTS clubs. He will be missed.

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BITS & PIECES -

IRESC and SATERN Active for Haiti Earthquake Operations:

Submitted by admin on Tue, 01/12/2010 - 23:27

Hello to all..

The International Radio Emergency Support Coalition (IRESC) and the Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network (SATERN) are both active supporting Haiti Earthquake Operations. Indirect contact has been established via email and second hand reporting and info as relayed by SATERN to IRESC and by IRESC operators. Direct contact to the affected area is being attempted by both groups.

The *WX_TALK* Echolink conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 reflector system has been connected directly to the *IRESC* echolink conference node: 278173 for listen only purposes. It will remain connected for as long as IRESC is active. Anyone with emergency/priority traffic or health and welfare traffic should connect directly to *IRESC* echolink conference node: 278173. Information on IRESC can be seen via the following link:

http://www.iresc.org/

SATERN is active on HF and has performed liasion with IRESC. Per the SATERN web site, SATERN activities are active on 14.235 MHz Primary for

daytime operations and 7265 and 3977.7 Khz for evening and night time operations. Information on SATERN can be seen via the following link:

http://www.satern.org/

Any net controls and individuals that either have direct contact with Haiti or have relays into Haiti are strongly encouraged to support SATERN and IRESC with their operations. This would benefit those with Health and Welfare traffic into Haiti. Stations that have Health and Welfare traffic to Haiti can provide the info to these groups but it may be several days before the messages will be delivered and relayed back so those that can help with direct contact with Haiti or contact through relays could help speed up the Health and welfare traffic flow.

We wish the best for the victims of this serious earthquake that has affected Haiti.

Respectfully Submitted,
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http://www.wx1box.org/

Haiti Earthquake -

Early this morning the following update was received from the IARU-R2-News.

"RCD and URDA en route to Haiti."

Victor Baez, HI8VB, Secretary of the Radio Club Dominicano (RCD) reports that the RCD with UDRA, Union Dominicana de Radio Aficionados are preparing to go to Port au Prince early morning January 15 to install an emergency radio communications station, HI8RCD/HH, and a mobile station. More updates can be viewed at: www.hi8vb.tk/ [VO1DTM]

XX9TLX - Macau
Georg, DK7LX is again on his travels. Having been active as TX7LX (2008) and S92LX (2009) he will be QRV from Coloane Island (AS-075) Macau as XX9TLX. Dates to be confirmed.
Georg explains:
"Background: it has been my dream to become one day active from this magic city ever since I had paid a brief visit to Macau back in March 2001 on my way back from VK. It has kept me busy for about a year to organize this trip and please understand that due to reasons that are related to local environment, I will not be able to erect huge antennas etc. Power wise all will comply with local regulations and I will hence use my proven 100 W light-weight-rig, as always.
My perspective: I mainly want to have fun during this stay as well as I look forward to meet new people and to see new places. Though the main purpose of this trip is going to be radio, I will take things easy but will not be active on every band in every mode. I?m not a 160 M op and will not be QRV on this band. As always, my activity will have a very strong CW-flavour since this is my favourite mode."
Additionally, no online log will be available and QSL cards via direct or buro to DK7LX. [dx-hamspirit.com]

Hi Folks
The new awards rules are on line on www.waponline.it/
You can find the new files (in English, Italian and French) on the WACA
and WADA Wap award pages (follow the link on the left menu).
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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